SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OUTPUTTING HEART SOUNDS

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REMARKS

This responds to the Advisory Action dated September 14, 2005 and the final Office Action dated May 5, 2005.

Claims 20-22 are canceled. Claims 1-19, 56-65, and 73-77 remain pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carlson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,792,195) in view of Koestner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,300,093).

Applicant has cancelled claims 20-22, rendering the rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-19, 56-65 and 73-77.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6965 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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